In his opinion, the chief causes were the existence of the Mission Dam, the Pillappattu Dam and several encroachments on the river. The matter had been brought forward in the Sixth and Ninth Sessions of the Assembly.

Dewan.—Reports have been called for from the Chief Engineer and the Peishkar.

The Member continued and said that early action should be taken to prevent the floods. Steps should also be taken to remove the encroachments on the sides of the Pazhayar.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

44. Certain agricultural needs of the Trivandrum taluk.

Mr. M. K. Govinda Pillai B. A., B. L. (Member, Trivandrum taluk) said that, last year, he spoke about the necessity for removing the encroachments on the sides of the Thettiyar Channel. Agreeably to the orders of the Government, the Taluk authorities had measured about 4 miles of the channel, but he was sorry to say that they were continuing the work in the wrong way. At the fourth mile, there were two bifurcations—one to the Anathazhchira and the other to the mountains. They were measuring the branch running to the mountains. That was a mistake. It was the branch to Anathazhchira that required to be attended to.

Near the 13th mile on the Pallipuram road, Survey Nos. 673, 674 and 1951 in Andurkonam *pakuthi* had been set apart as grazing ground. The Member said that, contrary to orders, attempts were now being made to register those lands, and he requested that fresh orders should issue not to do so. The grazing block was very necessary at the locality.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

45. Agricultural disabilities of the Shencotta taluk.

Mr. S. Subramonia Karayalar B. A. (Member, Shencotta taluk) said that the agricultural disabilities of the Shencotta taluk had formed one of the subjects from the taluk ever since the inception of the Assembly and was brought up even last year. The constant failure of crops in the taluk was due to the want of capacity of tanks, the dependence of tanks and channel-fed lands on wild streams for water, and the absence of at least one common reservoir to supplement the water in the tanks. In regard to the improvement of tanks, he said that the restoration might be left to the ryots to be effected at their cost, the Government taking the responsibility of increasing the capacity of the tanks by acquiring more lands and the like. The irrigation works done in the taluk did not in any way benefit the channel-fed lands. The suggestion made at the last session, of putting up some big common reservoir to supplement the petty channels and tanks, was therefore the only feasible course. He mentioned the north-east of Atchanpudur in the Achankoil river, the Muriapanchan, the Paluruvy, and the Karikulamancholai as the best places available for a reservoir.

The Member next referred to the want of roads for agricultural traffic, and he requested that the following roads might be improved and their maintenance done under the supervision of the leading ryots.

(1) The roads from Moonuvaikal to Karkudi *via*. Thavanai.

(2) The old *raja pathai* (road) from Puliyara.

(3) The Mancholai roads from Karkudi.

The Member said that, in both the matters mentioned above, it would be an advantage to institute an enquiry under the presidency of the Executive Engineer, Quilon, instead of the Chief Engineer.

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